

Grant Program Summaries



AQUATIC LANDS ENHANCEMENT ACCOUNT (ALEA)

The Washington Legislature created ALEA in 1984 to ensure that money generated from aquatic lands was used to protect and enhance those lands. ALEA grants may be used to acquire, restore, and improve aquatic lands for public purposes, and to provide or improve public access to those lands and their waters.

REVENUE SOURCE: The state Department of Natural Resources raises revenue on the state's 2.4 million acres of aquatic lands through activities such as leasing waterfront sites for marinas and selling harvest rights for geoducks.

PHOTO: Mount Vernon used a \$721,000 ALEA grant to create a functioning slough by reshaping and restoring 4,500 feet of shoreline in Edgewater Park.



BOATING FACILITIES PROGRAM (BFP)

BFP was created in 1965 by a voter-approved initiative. The program provides grants to acquire, develop, and renovate boating facilities, including launching ramps, guest moorage, and support facilities on both freshwater and saltwater.

REVENUE SOURCE: A portion of the motor vehicle gas tax

PHOTO: Kennewick used a \$644,000 BFP grant to increase its boat launch at Columbia Park from two to four lanes and to add a boarding float, restroom, parking, and two picnic sites.



BOATING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT (BIG)

Washington has more than 250,000 registered boats plying its rivers, lakes, coasts, and Puget Sound. To ensure that services are provided for boaters, the BIG program funds guest boating facilities for recreational boats 26 feet and larger.

REVENUE SOURCE: A portion of the federal Aquatic Resources Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

PHOTO: The Port of Bremerton used a \$15,500 BIG award to replace a wooden float with one that would accommodate large boats and events at the Port Orchard Marina.



FIREARM AND ARCHERY RANGE RECREATION (FARR)

National statistics estimate about 8 percent of the population in Washington shoots guns and bows and arrows. The FARR program is aimed at providing facilities for gun and archery enthusiasts to practice in a safe environment. FARR provides funding to acquire, develop, and renovate public and private nonprofit firearm range and archery training and practice facilities. It also funds equipment purchases, safety and environmental improvements, noise abatement, and liability protection. Priority is given to noise abatement and safety improvement projects.

REVENUE SOURCE: A portion of each concealed pistol license fee

PHOTO: The Ellensburg Trap & Skeet Club used a \$40,650 FARR grant to relocate its facilities.



LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND (LWCF)

LWCF provides grants to buy land and develop outdoor facilities, including parks, trails, and wildlife lands, for the public.

Revenue Source: Portions of federal outer continental shelf mineral receipts, motorboat fuel taxes, recreation user fees, and sales of surplus property

PHOTO: Woodinville used a \$475,000 LWCF grant to develop Little Bear Creek Park complete with a skate and bicycle surface, trails, multi-purpose play court, and picnic areas.



NATIONAL RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (NRTP)

NRTP provides funds to maintain trails and facilities that provide a backcountry experience for a range of activities including hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, motorcycling, and snowmobiling.

Revenue Source: Federal gas taxes from recreational, non-highway uses

PHOTO: The Mt. Tahoma Trails Association used a \$50,000 NRTP grant to groom 40 miles of ski trails west of Mount Rainier National Park in Lewis County.



Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA)

NOVA provides grants to develop and manage recreation opportunities on backcountry trails and along non-highway roads. Grants may be used for planning, capital improvements, operations, maintenance, education, law enforcement, and land acquisitions.

Revenue Source: Portions of the state gas tax and off-road vehicle permits

PHOTO: The Tacoma Metropolitan Park District used a \$151,800 NOVA grant for an education and awareness effort for motorcyclists.



Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)

WWRP provides funding for the acquisition and development of local and state parks, water access sites, trails, critical wildlife habitat, natural areas, and urban wildlife habitat. It also funds farmland preservation and protection of riparian areas.

Revenue Source: General obligation bonds

PHOTO: Cashmere used a \$300,000 WWRP grant to renovate the town's 80-year-old swimming pool.



YOUTH ATHLETIC FACILITIES (YAF)

YAF provides grants to develop, equip, maintain, and improve youth and community athletic facilities.

Revenue Source: A Seattle Seahawks team affiliate donated \$10 million. Additional revenue will come from non-expended Seahawks stadium bonds.

PHOTO: The Asotin County Little League used a \$147,000 YAF grant to build three baseball fields and a concession building.